LEGAL INFORMATION IN NOVA SCOTIA

WHERE TO GET LEGAL INFORMATION:

Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia (LISNS) has a legal information line to get general information, a Lawyer Referral Service, a speakers' bureau, pamphlets and booklets, Dial-a-law and a community outreach program. The offices are located at 5523 B Young Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3K 1Z7.

Telephone: (902) 454-2198 (office)
Facsimile: (902) 455-3105
E-Mail: lisns@attcanada.ca
Web Site: www.legalinfo.org
Dial-a-Law: (902) 420-1888
Legal Information Line and Lawyer Referral Line: (902) 455-3135 or (Toll Free 1-800-665-9779)

Court Administration Offices in Justice Centres across the province can provide you with legal information regarding court procedures and processes. Staff cannot provide legal advice. Brochures, information guides and forms are available. For the location nearest you, please see the phone numbers for the Justice Centres on the back of this sheet. Information is also available on the Internet at www.courts.ns.ca and at www.gov.ns.ca/just/courtservices.htm

Other Information Sources may be available through the Public Libraries and other community agencies.

HOW TO FIND A LAWYER:

LISNS - offers a Lawyer Referral Service. See numbers listed above.

Yellow Pages - Lawyers and firms are listed in the Yellow Pages. In addition, a guide to lawyer by area of practise is included in the yellow pages.

THE LEGAL PROFESSION:

The Nova Scotia Barrister's Society is responsible for governing the legal profession in the Province. The Society's website, www.nsbs.ns.ca also provides links to a significant number of legal resources for the public. Any complaints about a lawyer should be addressed to the Executive Director, The Nova Scotia Barrister's Society, 1645 Granville St., Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 1X3. **Telephone: (902) 422-1491**.

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER:

The Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission may grant legal aid to a person on Social Assistance or in an equivalent financial position where there is merit in providing legal assistance in certain areas of family and criminal law. Services are normally always provided to young persons for offences under the Young Offenders Act and other criminal legislation. Financial eligibility for Legal Aid is based mainly on gross monthly household income. Please refer to your telephone directory for the Nova Scotia Legal Aid Office nearest you.

Dalhousie Legal Aid is a community-based legal aid clinic which provides free legal services to individuals with incomes below the national poverty line. More information can be obtained by contacting the Dalhousie Legal Aid Service. Legal advice is not given over the phone; however, personal appointments can be arranged at offices in Halifax, Dartmouth and Spryfield.

Telephone: (902) 423-8105

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Phone Numbers for Justice Centres

Amherst & Surrounding Areas	
Supreme Court	(902) 667-2256
Provincial Court	(902) 667-2256
Family Court	(902) 667-2256
Small Claims Court	(902) 667-2256
Probate Court	(902) 667-2256

Antigonish & Surrounding Areas	
Supreme Court	(902) 863-7300
Provincial Court	(902) 863-3676
Family Court	(902) 863-7312
Small Claims Court	(902) 863-7300
Probate Court	(902) 863-7396

Bridgewater & Surrounding Areas	
Supreme Court	(902) 543-4679
Provincial Court	(902) 543-4678
Family Court	(902) 543-4679
Small Claims Court	(902) 543-4679
Probate Court	(902) 527-5440

Digby, Annapolis & Surrounding Areas	
Supreme Court	(902) 245-2529
Provincial Court	(902) 245-4567
Family Court	(902) 742-0550
Small Claims Court	(902) 245-7134 (Digby)
Small Claims Court	(902) 532-5462 (ARoyal)
Probate Court	(902) 245-7134 (Digby)
	(902) 532-5582 (ARoyal)

Halifax & Surrounding Areas	
Court of Appeal	(902) 424-6900
Supreme Court	(902) 424-6900
Supreme Family Division	(902) 424-3990
Halifax Provincial Court	(902) 424-8718
Dartmouth Provincial Court	(902) 424-2390
Small Claims Court	(902) 424-8722
Probate Court	(902) 424-7422

Kentville & Surrounding Areas	
Supreme Court	(902) 679-5540
Provincial Court	(902) 679-6070
Family Court	(902) 679-6075
Small Claims Court	(902) 679-5540
Probate Court	(902) 679-5339

Pictou, New Glasgow & Surrounding Areas	
Supreme Court	(902) 485-4332
Provincial Court	(902) 752-5106
Family Court	(902) 755-6520
Small Claims Court	(902) 485-4332
Probate Court	(902) 485-4332

Port Hawkesbury & Surrounding Areas	
Supreme Court	(902) 625-4218
Supreme Family Division	(902) 625-2665
Provincial Court	(902) 625-2605
Small Claims Court	(902) 625-4218
Probate Court	(902) 625-4219

Sydney & Surrounding Areas	
Supreme Court	(902) 563-3550
Supreme Family Division	(902) 563-2200
Provincial Court	(902) 563-3510
Small Claims Court	(902) 563-3590
Probate Court	(902) 563-3545

Truro & Surrounding Areas	
Supreme Court	(902) 893-3953
Provincial Court	(902) 893-5840
Family Court	(902) 893-5840
Small Claims Court	(902) 893-3953
Probate Court	(902) 893-5870

Yarmouth & Surrounding Areas	
Supreme Court	(902) 742-4142
Provincial Court	(902) 742-0500
Family Court	(902) 742-0550
Small Claims Court	(902) 742-4142
Probate Court	(902) 742-5469

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